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Information

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1. [] the Special City Hospital for Contagious Diseases in P'yongyang (N 39-01, E 125-45) (YD3822) was in a temporary building at the foot of Chi Nam San in Kam Ruong-ni (Kamchung-ni). The hospital was to be moved to a new building in the spring. Three doctors, six nurses, and six aid men were employed there; and anyone afflicted with a contagious disease was allowed to receive treatment. The medicines used included pyretics and antibiotics, such as penicillin and sintomycin (sic). Most of the medical instruments had been received as aid goods from the Soviet Union.¹ 25X1
2. In the farming areas around P'yongyang, grains were bought and sold through the Consumers' Guild. Grain transactions between private individuals were forbidden by the government; all grain was sold at the state-operated stores.² The price of rice per mal³ was 450-520 won. 25X1
3. Schools, workers' apartments, and other large buildings were under construction in P'yongyang; and workers had been mobilized for the construction of a sewage system. 25X1
1. [] Comment. [] these were good instruments. 25X1
2. [] Comment. [] Cabinet Decision No. 130, released on 15 October 1954, prohibited individual provisions shops because speculative activities caused undulation of prices and impeded the living of the workers. Producing farmers and cooperatives were not allowed to resell provisions purchased from others; only the state cooperatives and actual manufacturers of provisions would be permitted to sell them. 25X1

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Comments

3. [] probably [] a small mal, or 9 liters. One small mal is the equivalent of a little less than 15 lbs. of rice. 25X1

4. [] almost all construction work in P'yongyang ceased or was greatly reduced in scale [] reconstruction declined considerably and no definite housing program had been initiated.

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